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SUBJECT: LETTER FROM PRESIDENT CARTER TO PRESIDENT LAUGERUD

- 1. REQUEST YOU DELIVER FOLLOWING LETTER FROM PRESIDENT CARTER TO PRESIDENT LAUGERUD OF GUATEMALA AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.
- 2. QUOTE DEAR MR. PRESIDENT

THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR HAVING AMBASSADOR MALDONADO INFORM ME OF YOUR KIND INVITATION TO GOVERNOR GEORGE C. WALLACE OF ALABAMA TO VISIT YOUR COUNTRY.

A LARGER NUMBER OF CONCERNED PRIVATE CITIZENS HAVE WORKED TO BUILD CLOSER TIES OF FRIENDSHIP AND COOPERATION BETWEEN OUR TWO COUNTRIES. ONE OF THE BEST EXAMPLES OF THIS EFFORT IS THE "SISTER STATE" CONCEPT, UNDER WHICH GUATEMALA AND LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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THE STATE OF ALABAMA HAVE MAINTAINED CLOSE AND WARM COOPERATION FOR A NUMBER OF YEARS. I SUPPORTED THIS EFFORT WHEN I WAS GOVERNOR, AND I CONTINUE TO DO SO.

I WOULD LIKE TO ADD, MR. PRESIDENT, THAT COOPERATIVE EFFORTS ARE NEVER MORE NECESSARY THAN DURING DISASTER SITUATIONS

SUCH AS THE ONE GUATEMALA FACED IN FEBRUARY 1976. THE EFFORTS OF YOUR BRAVE PEOPLE WERE A LESSON TO US ALL. THE BONDS OF FRIENDSHIP AND CONCERN, BOTH AT THE PRIVATE AND THE GOVERNMENTAL LEVEL, WERE STRENGTHENED BY THE HUMANITARIAN RESPONSES HERE IN THE UNITED STATES AND ELSEWHERE.

I WISH GOVERNOR WALLACE A GOOD JOURNEY, AND I WANT YOU TO KNOW THAT HE GOES WITH MY BEST WISHES.

SINCERELY, (SIGNED) JIMMY CARTER END QUOTE

- 3. SIGNED ORIGINAL WILL BE POUCHED TO POST.
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